

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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COAL BLOCKS TO PRIVATE SECTOR

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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to incre the number of coal blocks to the private sector in OR to meet the coal shortage;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether all the coal mines being operated by l public sector are producing coal in low quantity;
- (d) if so, whether any assessment has been made about assigning the coal blocks of such mines to private sector;
- (e) if so, whether the private sector plans to surpass the target and demand of coal by the year 2011-12;
- (f) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY COAL (DR.DASARI NARAYAN RAO):

- (a) and (b) 81 coal blocks having total geological reserves of about 20.02 billion tonnes have been identified for allocation to Government companies/private sector for permissible end-uses.
- (c) No, Sir. Production of coal by Coal India Limited (CIL) for the last three years has been more than the targets fixed.
- (d) Blocks earmarked for CIL were reviewed recently. 48 coal blocks, which were not included in the production plan of CIL for the XI Plan, were taken out from the CIL
- (e) and (f) About 56 coal blocks have been allocated to private sector companies/permissible end users so far. They should be contributing significantly to raise the coal production by 2011-12.